Claim 9. (Amended) Method as in [one of the preceding] claim[s] 1, [characterized in that] <u>wherein</u> [the] data-transfer, availability-checking, reservation and allocation or assignment processes are performed with an aid of a central mainframe processing system.

Claim 11. (Amended) Method as in [one of the preceding] claim[s] 1, [characterized in that] <u>wherein</u> the method is used for a ticketing system for public transportation.

Claim 12. (Amended) Method as in [one of the preceding] claim[s] 1, [characterized in that], <u>wherein,</u> under utilization of a code and of an information related to its use, an accounting statement is automatically generated.

REMARKS

Applicant requests entry of the above-identified amendments which conform the claims to U.S. practice. No new matter is being introduced by this Amendment as antecedent support is set forth in the specification and the original claims.

Prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

If there are any charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicant's attorneys.

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